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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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With respect to [redacted] memorandum, I certainly agree with Helms' comment. I also am in general agreement with both Wisner and General Cabell. This is, however, a very touchy problem. It certainly should be discussed at no lower level than Secretary Wilson and even then is likely to have many repercussions if it results in positive action. Nevertheless, I think it is of such serious nature that action should be taken.

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Re: CIA/Department of Defense (and U. S. Armed Services) Relationships

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

In conversation with General Erskine this afternoon, he mentioned the following points:

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He referred to a JCS memo to CINCPAC re support of certain CIA operations General tenor was that these operations considered important and worthy of all possible support by military agencies. Some indication that the Secretary of Defense might request DCI to increase the support of these operations to the maximum in order to increase their effectiveness.

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2. ELINT:

General Erskine thinks ELINT and COMINT are closely related. He believes that NSA rather than the Air Force should be the Executive Agent for ELINT operations under Department of Defense as NSC Executive Agent. He considers that present organization loose and does not consider a large advisory committee under the Air Force Director of Intelligence to be an effective director. He points out that after many months the Air Force is still 60 or 90 days from full operation because of failure to request space. I gather that the subject has been discussed very recently by Deputy Secretary with General Samford. He gave no indication as to whether any positive action is contemplated or whether specific proposals will be made to other agencies. He did indicate the subject might arise at USCIB meeting tomorrow.

3. SECURITY:

General Erskine informed me that Defense has learned that the Ambassador's bugged by a device utilizing an electric connection within four feet of the Ambassador's chair. Also that Military Attaché's office also bugged and in the ceiling over the main conference room where discussions of all War Plans and similar subjects have been discussed, 5 small new devices of some sort, identity unknown, have just been removed. They are enroute here for check. General Erskine remarked that he had been directed to discuss this subject with the FBI and had done so this morning.

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4. [redacted]

The only reference made to [redacted] was General Erskine's statement that [redacted] had informed him that NSA would begin processing [redacted] material Friday. There was no reference to his letter or any controversial points in connection therewith. In reply to General Erskine's inquiry, I remarked that I had no problems of any kind to discuss with him.

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